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SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION

2. AMEMBASSY PARIS IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURE HUMANITARIAN ZONE IN RWANDA, AND

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RESPONSE IS NECESSARY TO THE REQUEST FROM THE FRENCH MISSION IN NEW YORK (REF) FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH A SECURE HUMANITARIAN ZONE TO PROTECT CIVILIANS IN RWANDA, IT SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STATEMENT. MISSIONS MAY USE TALKING POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 BELOW.

3. TALKING POINTS FOR PARIS

- --WE SUPPORT YOUR COURAGEOUS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT IN RWANDA; WE MUST ALL CONTINUE TO WORK TO STOP THE KILLING.
- --THE UNITED STATES VOTED FOR RESOLUTION 929 WHICH SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTILATERAL OPERATION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES UNTIL UNAMIR COULD BE BROUGHT UF TO THE NECESSARY STRENGTH.

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- --THE CONTINUED FIGHTING HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED TO EXPAND AND DEPLOY UNAMIR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
- --WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UN, TROOP-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES AND EQUIPMENT-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TOWARD THAT END.
- --IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ARMED FORCES NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE MILITARY ADVANTAGE OF THE HUMANITARIAN ZONE, AND THAT FRENCH FORCES AVOID A MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE RPF.
- --IT IS VITAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION THAT YOUR FORCES AVOID FOSITIONING THEMSELVES BETWEEN THE ARMED COMBATANTS OR PROTECTING ARMED FORCES THAT HAVE PERPETRATED THE KILLINGS.
- --WE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURE, WEAPONS-FREE, HUMANITARIAN ZONE BUT CAUTION THAT IT MUST BE SOLELY FOR UNARMED CIVILIANS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A SAFE AREA COULD REASONABLY BE DEFINED TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE AREA HELD BY THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA. THE AREA

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DEFINED IN THE GOF LETTER TO THE UNSC PRESIDENT SEEMS LARGER THAN NECESSARY AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ADEQUATELY SECURE, GIVEN THE FORCES AVAILABLE.

--WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CREATING A LARGE ZONE MAY GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF OFFERING A SAFE HAVEN TO GOVERNMENT FORCES AND LOCAL MILITIAS AS WELL AS DISPLACED CIVILIANS.

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WE ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL ATTEMPT TO STOP THE RADIO MILLES COLLINES BROADCASTS THAT, INTER ALIA, INVITE PEOPLE TO MASSSACRE TUTSIS.
WE WOULD WELCOME A REPORT ON YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RPF ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND WE ENCOURAGE CONTINUED TALKS.
4. USUN MAY DRAW ON THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 TO MAKE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND MAY ALSO WISH TO USE THE FOLLOWING:
WE NOTE THAT RESOLUTION 929 STRESSES THE "STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER OF THIS OPERATION WHICH SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN AN IMPARTIAL AND NEUTRAL FASHION, AND SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN INTERPOSITION FORCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES.
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